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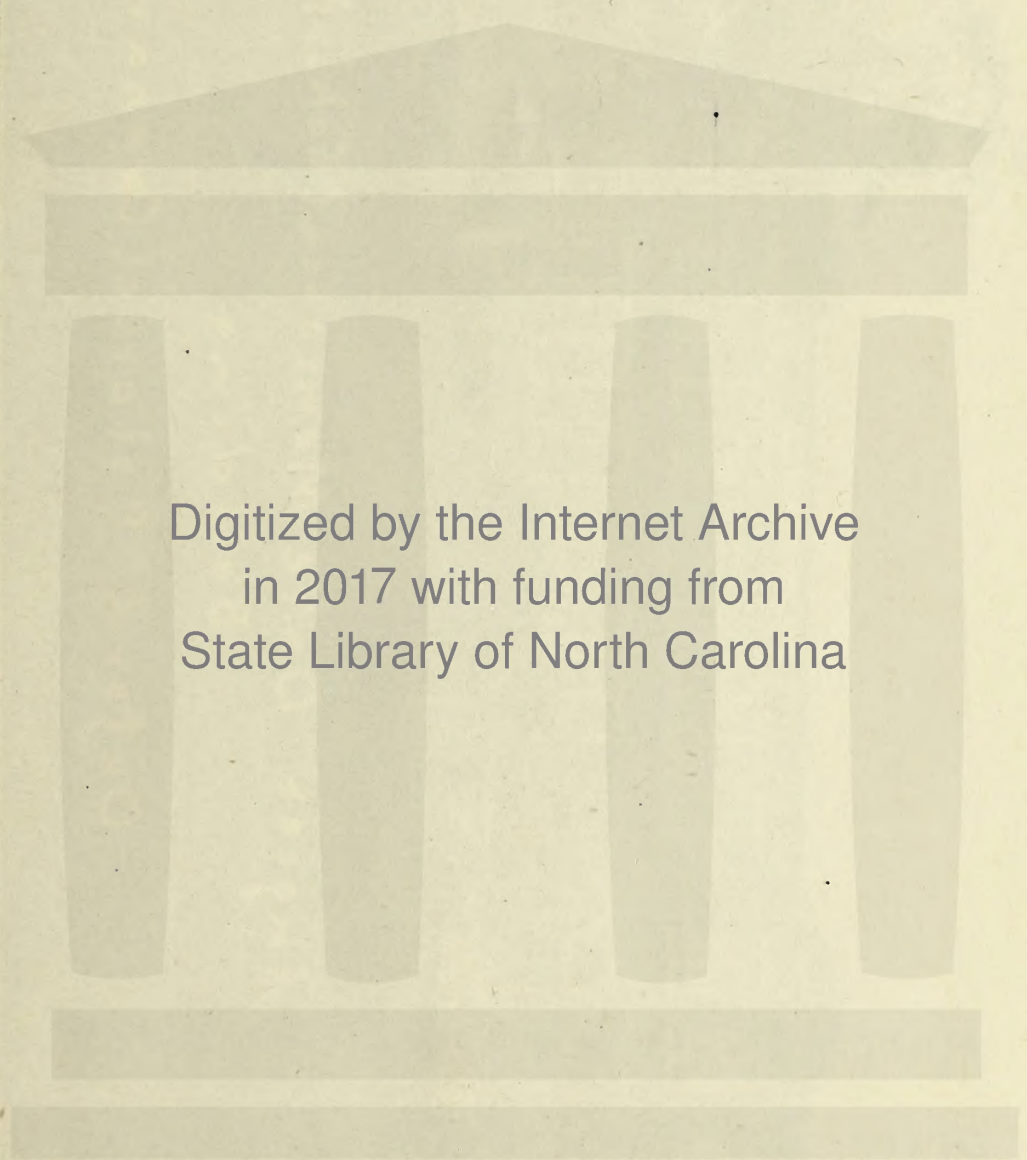
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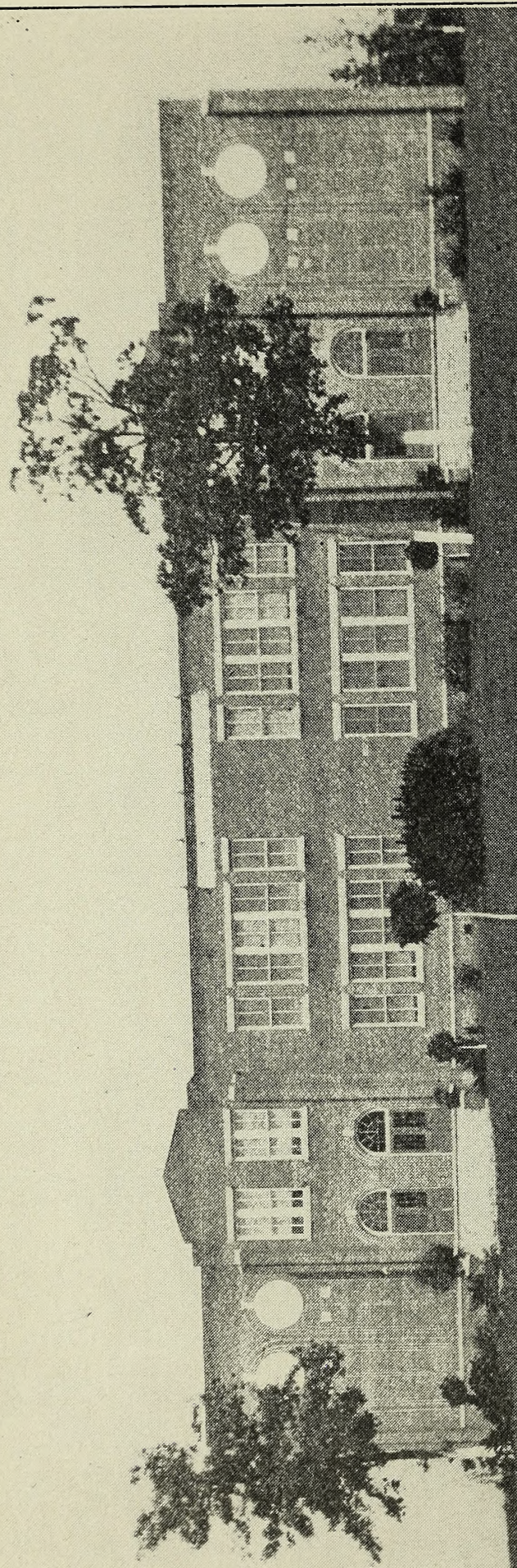
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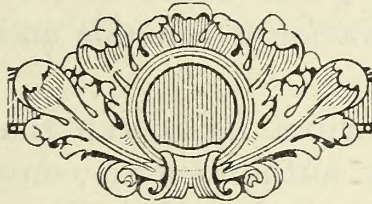


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RESOLUTION OF REGRET
PASSED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE OXFORD COLORED ORPHANAGE UPON THE DEATH
OF HON. R. W. LASSITER

WHEREAS the Almighty, in His infinite wisdom, has called to his reward our sincere friend and benefactor, the Hon. R. W. Lassiter, of Oxford, North Carolina;

AND WHEREAS, throughout the history of this institution, Mr. Lassiter has always been one of its most staunch and true supporters, contributing freely of his great ability, his time and money in the interest of the work, and rendering invaluable service to the institution during his lifetime;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED *by the* Board of Directors of the Oxford Colored Orphanage of North Carolina, in session duly assembled on the 31st day of July, 1928, that it is the sense of this Board that this institution has lost a great and true friend and benefactor, and the State and Nation a valuable and intellectual citizen and humanitarian.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized to convey to the bereaved family the deep appreciation of the Board for the great interest and service rendered to the institution by Mr. Lassiter during his lifetime, and that the Secretary of the Board is furthermore hereby authorized to present to the bereaved family a copy of these Resolutions.

For the Board of Directors,

By:

F. W. HANCOCK, JR.,
M. F. THORNTON,
G. C. SHAW,
H. P. CHEATHAM,
N. A. CHEEK,

Committee Appointed by the Board.

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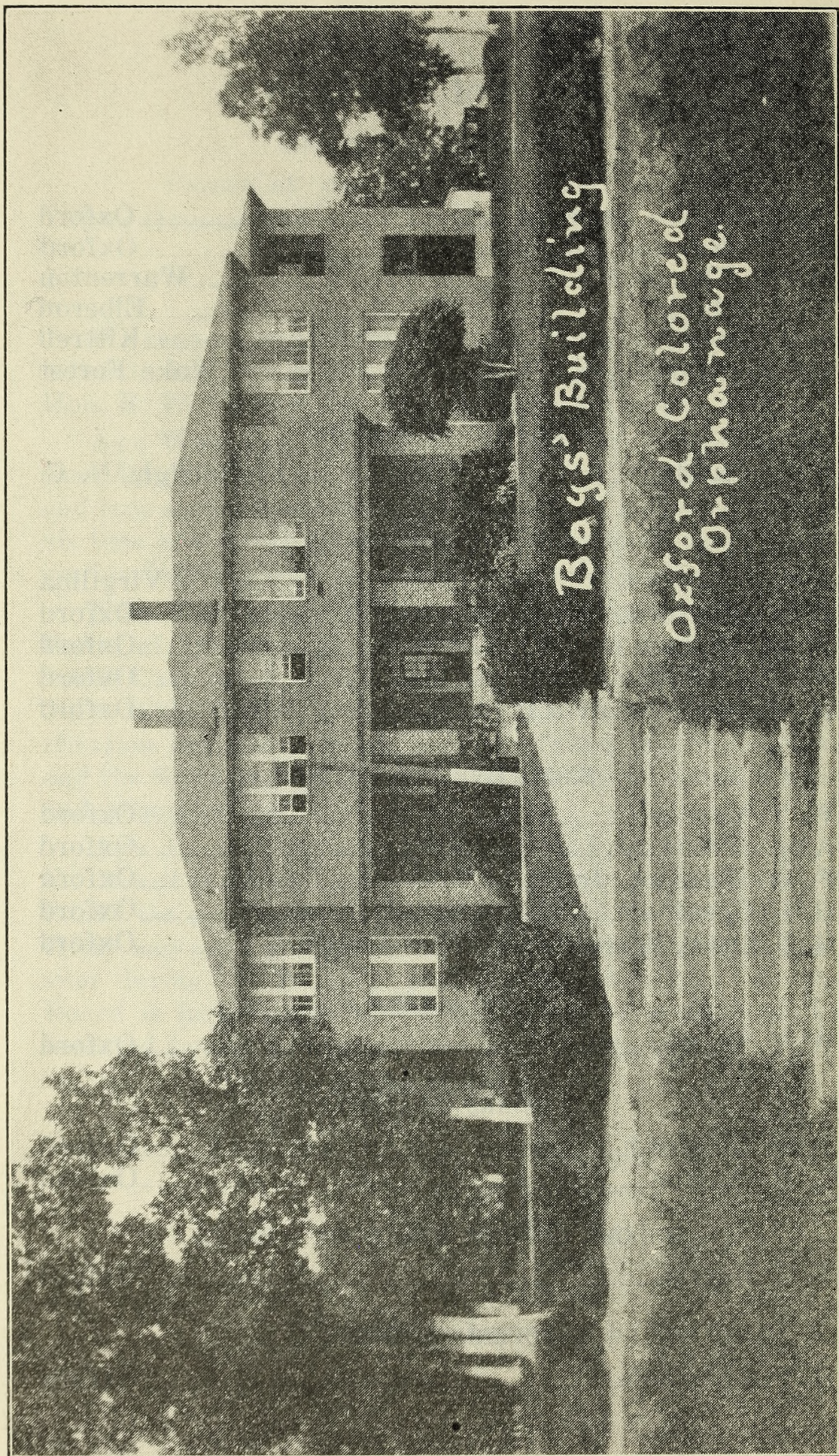
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Bays' Building

Oxford Colored
Orphanage.

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1928

TO

JUNE 30, 1929

GENTLEMEN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OXFORD
COLORED ORPHANAGE OF NORTH CAROLINA:

In submitting to you a report of the affairs and activities of this institution for the fiscal year just ended, it is most gratifying to be able to state, that the year has been, perhaps, the most successful, in the entirety, that we have ever experienced.

And I am about to call your attention to the conditions and doings of a work whose objects and results appear to appeal more forcibly and favorably, each year, especially to the Christian and humanitarian world, as seen and heard, from most pleasant commendations.

This viewpoint is evidenced by the many kind acts, satisfying and appreciative assurances from relatives and friends in communities from which children have come, and to which children have been returned, yes, the hundreds of actual beneficiaries, who were once disinterested and dormant, are now active in the support of the work.

The traveling public, even the State and inter-State tourists, in passing by almost daily pay encouraging and complimentary tribute to the institution and to the quiet and inoffensive demeanor of the inmates; and, although they see some of the little tots moving about the campus, many of them stop and ask these questions:

"Is this a white institution? What is its name? What is the capacity of the institution? From what source does it get its support? It is not sectarian? It belongs to the Negro race, does it not? Well, that is fine. The institution is beautifully located and is an honor to your State, to your race, and to the great cause it represents."

During the year, the Orphanage has spared no pains in the accomplishment of its work, and has taken great pleasure in caring for and training a total number of 275 children. Of this number, 129 were boys and 146 girls. This enrollment was made up of strictly orphans and very needy unfortunates, from practically all communities of the State. And as you think of this number of little unconcerned and helpless human waifs, you must bear in mind that the condition of nearly all of these children, upon entering the Orphanage, was pitiful and appealing, so much so, that the least improvement in them is noticeable and striking to friends from the same communities who happen to visit the institution and come in contact with children from their counties or homes.

A certain Soldier-Orator, who had known some of the children in his county before they came to the Orphanage, while making an address to a large audience in the Chapel here a few days ago, said:

“From the splendid improvement I have seen in these children here today, I can say, not only may this institution be well called a school of training, but truly a recruiting and refining station, for these little soldiers who are to fight on the battlefield of life for the advancement of the causes of the State and humanity, and for spreading and perpetuating the divine principles of the eternal welfare of man.”

Several of the older children, who had served their time and completed the prescribed courses here, were permitted to return to their relatives or to the communities from whence they came, and younger ones were accepted from time to time, as vacancies occurred, so that the dormitories were filled to complete capacity, practically throughout the year. And those going out during the year also spread the meaning of the work here, of course.

The great problem, from the standpoint of training, is brought about by the admission of new children, almost none of whom have had any opportunity whatever, in the way of schooling, or indeed even of home training, we are called upon to care for little ones, most of them mere babies, who had lost both fathers and mothers at a tender age.

But by the exercise of patience and care, in conjunction with the individual study of each particular case, we soon bring these little ones into line and start them off satisfactorily under the system of training and development which all children ought to receive at an early age, that they may not depart from such in later years.

SCHOOL WORK

The classroom work has been of a high order throughout the year, and the results have been eminently satisfactory in every way. Equipped with an excellent and thoroughly capable corps of teachers, the children have made decided progress in their books, and, in fact, in all the lines of training which forms a part of the work of the institution.

The improved and modern facilities afforded by the completely equipped Angier B. Duke School Building have again enabled the teachers to accomplish more in one session than was possible in twice the time before this splendid and valuable help to the work was made available by our great and good benefactor, the late lamented Hon. Benjamin N. Duke, in memory of whose beloved son the building is named.

A few of the little tots were too small to take up the school work as yet, but all the other children regularly pursued their classroom work, and on the whole in a very satisfactory manner. There were 250 in all attending classes every day. The following list shows the number of boys and girls in each of the grades:

Kindergarden		45 in all—31 boys and 14 girls.
First grade		44 in all—26 boys and 18 girls.
Second grade		37 in all—23 boys and 14 girls.
Third grade		36 in all—13 boys and 23 girls.
Fourth grade		24 in all—11 boys and 13 girls.
Fifth grade		21 in all—10 boys and 11 girls.
Sixth grade		23 in all— 5 boys and 18 girls.
Seventh grade		6 in all— 3 boys and 3 girls.

The seventh is the highest grade in the school, but during the year we sent 14 children, all advanced beyond the seventh grade, to the High School at the Mary Potter Memorial

School in Oxford. Of these, 7 were in the first year, one in the second, two in the third, and four in the fourth year. All four of the latter were graduated at the recent commencement exercises of the High School.

SCHOOL CLOSING EXERCISES

The closing exercises of the school here were held in the Chapel on Friday evening, May 10th. The auditorium was filled to capacity with leading citizens of both races, from the entire community. The children of the Orphanage gave a playlet, entitled "Cinderella in Flowerland", in which they showed to excellent advantage. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the play, and we were gratified to receive complimentary expressions from a great many of our most prominent citizens, several of whom made most helpful and enlightening remarks at the close of the exercises. Our kind and good local paper, The Oxford Public Ledger, printed a very beautiful article regarding the exercises, written by Hon. B. K. Lassiter, who was present.

AGRICULTURAL WORK

We have been supremely blessed throughout the year with an abundant yield from the farm, garden, and trucking departments. The activities along these lines afforded fresh vegetable and garden products for the dining room, as well as an ample amount of feed for the stock.

This farming and trucking work is chiefly done by the children, under the tutelage and supervision of capable instructors, and is an important part of the training of the home.

The farm work was greatly amplified and enlarged by a valuable addition of land resulting from the purchase from Hon. B. K. Lassiter, one of our best friends and a leading citizen in Oxford, of a tract known as the Seabrook Dorsey Place, the acquisition of which was authorized at the last meeting of our Board. This parcel contains about 157 acres, and will prove even more valuable during the ensuing years, when we expect to have splendid pasture fields available as well as more acreage under cultivation.

HEALTH CONDITIONS

Untiring efforts have added greatly to the healthful conditions of the plant—during the year, by scientifically grading the grounds, as a result of which excellent drainage is now afforded. It will be recalled that in our several previous reports, we have commented particularly upon the unusually healthful conditions that have prevailed at the institution—the year just past is no exception, and through the blessed favor of an all wise and almighty Providence, we were again blessed with good health throughout the institution, all during the year. By promptly taking the subject in hand at the least indication of illness, our eminently capable physician, Dr. G. S. Watkins, has taken nothing for granted, but by taking time by the forelock, as it were, has warded off all signs of epidemic attacks or serious illness, and the general health of the children, therefore, has been consistently good and encouraging.

IMPROVEMENTS

In addition to the excellent results anticipated from the grading and drainage above referred to, we have begun the construction of a first class laundry. The building itself is completed, and as soon as possible will be equipped with modern facilities for laundry work. This will fill a long felt and serious need, as the matter of the children's laundry has presented an increasingly difficult problem during each of the past several years.

The work of extending our modern sanitation system to the girls' dormitory has been completed, and the installation of the same system at the boys' dormitory is now nearing completion. It embraces complete running water, toilet facilities, including tubs, shower baths, and sewage disposal. This represents an important and stupendous step forward along the line of improved sanitation and health conditions.

The removal of the milking department to a distance of some 300 yards back of the main part of the Campus has been effected, and the new sanitary fly-proof milking quarters have been constructed in accordance with the requirements of the State Board of Health. A modern feeding

shed for the cows has also been built, and the number of cows increased, so that we are now enabled to furnish each child, in the institution, at least a pint of milk a day.

As a matter of fact, one of the inspectors from the State Board of Health, in his inspection, complimented highly our new milking department, and stated that the requirements of his Board had been satisfactorily met in every particular. He was also gratified to see the excellent herd of milk cows that are now available to supply pure fresh milk for the little ones of the institution.

Some further improvements have also been made in our system of water supply, to meet the additional demands made by the extension of the sanitation system to the girls' and boys' dormitories. But our present tank and pipes are really inadequate for the requirements now to be met, and we are striving to effect economies and raise funds that will enable us, in the near future, to install a larger tank and lay larger pipes so that a sufficient amount of water may always be available at all outlets for all purposes.

Although the construction of these brick buildings is fireproof, we still have several frame buildings in use at the institution, and when successful in installing our increased water supply system, it is contemplated that two or perhaps three hydrants will be made available to assure a full and powerful stream of water for use in case of fire.

At the present time, the Orphanage is without absolute fire protection, and has not a sufficient water supply to enable the city fire department to help out, in case of fire, a condition upon which we shall put forth our utmost efforts to overcome at the earliest possible moment.

Now since we have finished, to some extent, one of the most essential needs for the protection of life and happiness of the children of the Orphanage, namely: fireproof, sanitary and comfortable dormitories and a most modern school building, all of which are nicely and modernly equipped, it is our purpose to devote more and more thought and attention to the development of the ample farm lands which we have been fortunate enough to secure.

This will greatly aid in providing proper and healthful food for the children and will afford a splendid and suitable training for the boys and girls, along agricultural and dairying lines.

ANNIVERSARY DAY

Our Anniversary occurred on the last Wednesday of July. Large and orderly crowds attended, from various parts of the State, as well as from neighboring States, and every one seemed happy and highly pleased with the progress of the work. The little ones enjoyed the crowds and had the time of their lives. Stirring exercises were held in the Chapel, and strong and constructive addresses were made by several of our leading citizens, who spoke eloquently of the well equipped plant of today in contrast with the meagre facilities that were available in the early days of the institution.

SUPPORT OF THE WORK

This subject brings us to a great and painful loss suffered during the year by this institution, as well as by the entire State and Nation. On January 8, 1929, our great friend and benefactor, Hon. Benjamin N. Duke, passed away at his residence in New York City. Warmly interested in our work, and indeed in educational and charitable work in general, having made frequent and large contributions during his life time, Mr. Duke's will also bequeathed a substantial sum to assist in carrying on the work of this institution. The loss of this great and good man is keenly felt, and our hearts go out in deep and profound gratitude, each time we walk about the grounds and observe the vast facilities for the improvement of the minds and hands of the little unfortunates coming into our care, which his broad philanthropy has, to so large an extent, helped to make possible.

The Orphanage is also assisted in its work by appropriations from our great State each year, and we are especially indebted and grateful to our good Governor and kind friends of the work, in the Legislature, and especially to our untiring and able Senator, Hon. F. W. Hancock, Jr., who secured

an additional appropriation of \$2,500 for the institution during the last session of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina.

Most helpful and opportune assistance is furthermore received from The Duke Foundation, that great organization of humanitarianism left by our great and good friend, the late Mr. J. B. Duke, brother of Mr. B. N. Duke. Contributions to the work are made regularly by the Foundation, and it would appear that the founder of this vast trust had in mind the blessings perpetually bestowed upon mankind by the Saviour, by the consistency and regularity of the help received from the Duke Foundation that afford keen feeling of backing and of security, which urge those working in behalf of unfortunate humanity, onward to greater efforts and larger fields, and consequently to more productive accomplishments and enlarged service. This unquestionably was the intent and desire of this great benefactor of mankind.

We too are indebted to the various Unions and Churches of the State, the fraternal organizations, associations, and big hearted individuals who are interested in the cause of the orphan and regularly contribute to the support of the work of the institution; We are deeply appreciative of all this great help, and our profound gratitude goes forth to all who so magnanimously assist in our efforts to better the condition of these little unfortunates, coming into our care.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The following is a list of the general contributions made to the work during the year by friends, churches, and unions and associations, the total of which appears in the appended financial statement in the classification of Receipts:

Anniversary Day, net receipts	\$ 180.00
Hecks Grove Women's Union No. 2	5.00
Warren County Union No. 2	17.50
Granville County Union No. 2	26.10
Ministers & Deacons Union, Sept. 30, 1928	52.16
Warren County Baptist S. S. Convention	15.00
Franklin County Baptist S. S. Convention	25.00
Shiloh Asso. No. 1, by Mr. J. H. Cannady	120.09



Middle Asso., by Mr. N. T. Mitchell	10.00
Mrs. Winnie B. Williams, State Missionary	12.30
Women's Franklin County Convention	5.00
Middle Asso., by Rev. R. S. Frazier	25.00
Prof. Cheek, Wise, N. C.	5.00
Ministers & Deacons Union, December 30, 1928	51.20
Mr. C. G. Powell, Register of Deeds	5.00
Dr. R. B. Capehart, Grand Master of Masons	10.00
Ministers & Deacons Union, March 31, 1929	33.25
Rev. Thomas M. Alston	4.25
Middleburg Church and Sunday School	5.15
Mrs. D. T. Perkins	10.00
Mr. Jesse J. Smith, No. 7 Masonic Lodge	5.00
Vance County Baptist S. S. Asso., by Mr. N. T. Mitchell	5.00
Miss Gladys Reid	10.00
Ministers & Deacons Union, Pettiford Grove	15.00
Branch Line Ministers and Deacons Union	10.00

THANKSGIVING DAY

Mrs. Hattie Harris Perkins	\$ 10.00
High Point Glass Co., High Point, N. C.	5.00
Mrs. C. S. Moore	5.00
Mr. C. E. McCulloch	10.00
Hon. B. R. Lacy	5.00
Hon. P. A. Richardson	5.00
Mrs. Carrie C. Morris	10.00
Mrs. Royster Wiggins	2.50
Rev. N. A. Cheek	5.00
Mr. J. H. Gooch	5.00
Mrs. B. L. Codrington	5.00
Mr. C. S. Easton	5.00
Rev. C. F. Pope	7.00
Wendell Convicts Camp	2.58

CHRISTMAS

First Baptist Church	\$ 40.00
Hon. R. G. Lassiter	100.00
Mr. Crawford M. Knott	5.00
Dr. J. A. Tinsley	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Burwell	5.00
Mr. W. A. Currin	2.00
Mr. W. F. Fisher	5.00
Miss Ione Yancey	5.00
Miss Nena Jackson	12.00

\$923.08

The institution also received during the year and is deeply grateful for parcels of goods from Mr. W. C. Jones, High Point, N. C., the Minneola Mfg. Co., Gibsonville, N. C., the

Gibson Mfg. Co., Concord, N. C., and N. A. Maydanis & Co., Oxford, N. C. We are furthermore indebted to the North Carolina Ice Cream Manufacturers Association, Fayetteville, N. C., for a substantial contribution of most delicious ice cream on Thanksgiving Day, that was ample for all of the children and also the teachers at the home. This valued help on the part of these and other kind friends is always greatly appreciated and of vast assistance in the conduct of our work.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

We now come to the matter of the receipts and expenditures during the year, and it affords me a great deal of pleasure to submit the following classified table, prepared and compiled under the State Budget System by our most expert and efficient accountant, Mr. Thomas C. Harris, under the appointment and authorization of our Board:

FOR: FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1929

RECEIPTS

July 1, 1928, Balance.....	\$ 2,896.92
Religious Organizations	506.13
Farm	1,253.16
State Appropriation	24,999.98
Temporary Loans	5,925.00
Fraternal Organizations	7.00
Hire of Boys.....	1,537.64
Investments	78.65
Duke Endowment	5,771.54
Miscellaneous Contributions	511.08
Real Estate	50.00
Incidentals	5,909.17
	\$49,446.27

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$11,063.58
Food	6,259.00
Clothing	2,321.32
Transportation	567.10
Improvements	4,524.52
Light, Fuel, Power	1,234.15
Repairs and Replacements.....	1,504.67
Supplies	5,444.10
Equipment	2,303.64
Temporary Loans	6,425.00

Telephone and Telegrams	91.65
Insurance	429.55
Interest	84.25
Miscellaneous	242.10
Incidental accounts	4,880.00
Land	1,000.00
Conference Expenses	77.80
Hire of Boys	32.90
Balance, June 30, 1929	960.84
	\$49,446.27

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

JULY 1, 1929

ASSETS

Real Estate and Buildings	\$179,075.18
Machinery and Equipment	15,874.42
Live Stock	1,985.50
Bank	960.84
	\$197,895.94

Non-Ledger:

Supplies (Estimated)	\$500.00
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LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$186,547.81
Incidentals	1,190.63
Surplus	10,157.50
	\$197,895.94

Non-Ledger:

Accounts Payable (Estimated)	\$4,000.00
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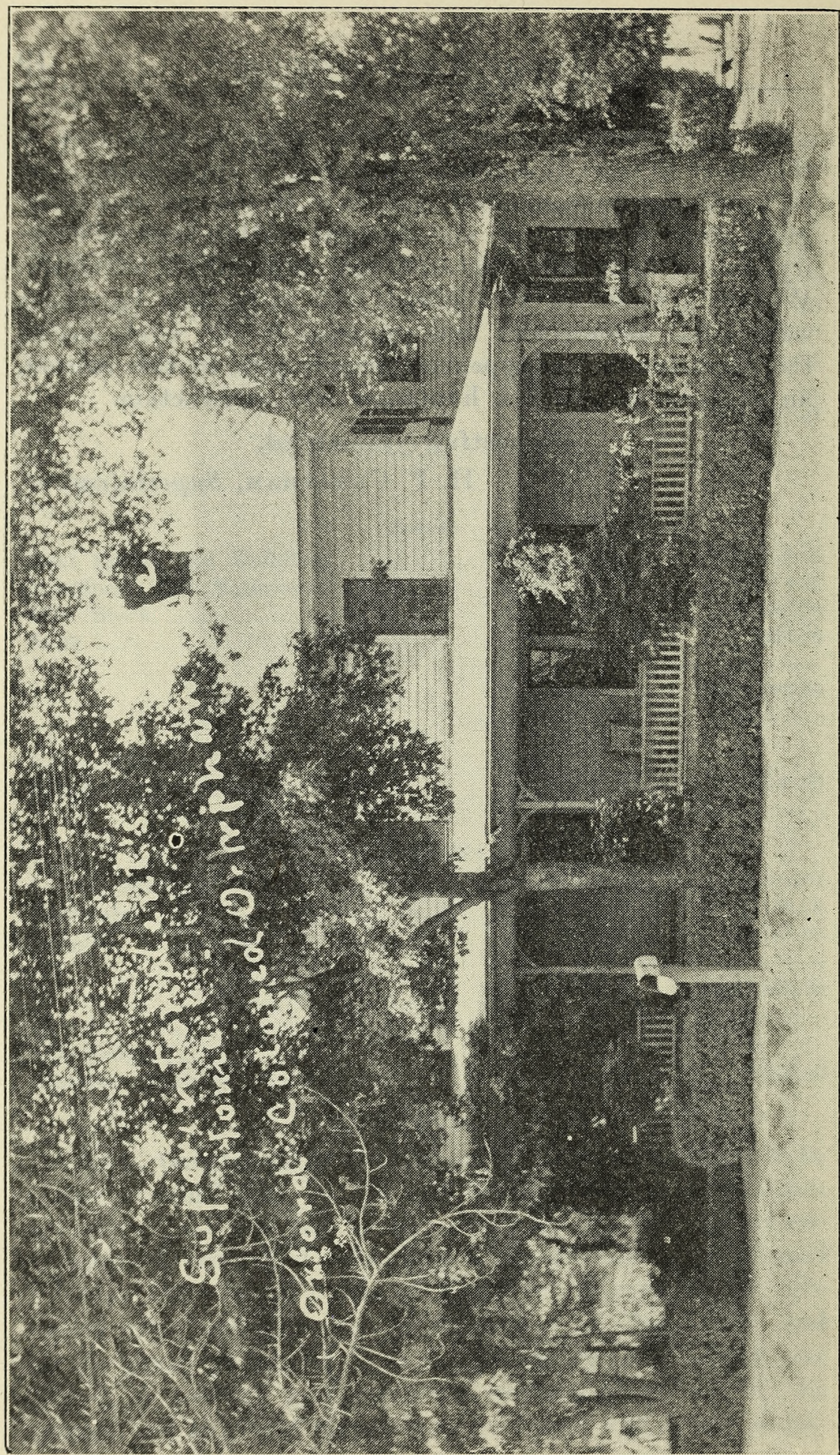
CONCLUSION

Now, Gentlemen of the Board of Directors, it must be borne in mind that we are not dealing with a proposition involving just one day or one year, but a condition of enlarging, filtering and extending a stream that is to fill and overflow the crystal banks of the great Eternity. We are called upon and expected to turn over to this world, and to the great judgment to come, as nearly as is within our power, a perfect and complete workmanship out of the human and spiritual material to be found within our gates.

I desire you to know that your valuable assistance in the effort to meet this condition is deeply appreciated. At no small cost to yourselves, you have freely and cheerfully given your valuable time and thought to this work of charity, and of upbuilding and uplifting unfortunate humanity. We are grateful to you indeed, and to be able to report substantial achievement and progress in the work, makes the opportunity, of appearing before you, in this session, an occasion of supreme happiness and satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,

H. P. CHEATHAM, *Superintendent.*



Superior Hotel, N. Y. N. Y.
Oxford, Conn. D. W. P. N. Y.

OXFORD COLORED ORPHANAGE

SCHOOL SESSION SEPTEMBER 1929 TO MAY 1929

ROSTER OF STUDENTS

NAME OF CHILD	KINDERGARTEN (Beginners)	PLACE FROM
Archibald, James		Clayton, N. C.
Archibald, Otha		Clayton, N. C.
Archibald, Sherman		Clayton, N. C.
Bee, Willie		Not Known
Brown, Pauline		Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
Coffin, Eugene		Durham, N. C.
Coffin, Ishmael		Durham, N. C.
Conner, Randolph		Charlotte, N. C.
Conner, Samuel		Charlotte, N. C.
Cooke, Theodosia		Raleigh, N. C.
Cooke, Willie		Raleigh, N. C.
Craig, Etta Mae		Chapel Hill, N. C.
Davis, Robert		Durham, N. C.
Dunston, Leslie		Raleigh, N. C.
Dunston, Lillie Mae		Raleigh, N. C.
Eatman, Leona		Raleigh, N. C.
Edwards, Rosetta		Raleigh, N. C.
Forester, Elmo		Concord, N. C.
Gaither, Daniel		Winston-Salem, N. C.
Gilmore, Lorraine		Lumberton, N. C.
Glenn, Charles		Greenville, N. C.
Glenn, John Amos		Greenville, N. C.
Glenn, Louise		Greenville, N. C.
Glenn, Mary		Greenville, N. C.
Hopkins, Charlie		Greenville, N. C.
Hunt, Jesse		Salisbury, N. C.
Johnson, Eugene		Winston-Salem, N. C.
McDaniel, Thomas		Fayetteville, N. C.
McGhee, Irene		Franklinville, N. C.
Mangum, Bernice		Roxboro, N. C.
Miller, Blanche		Concord, N. C.
Miller, Cora		Concord, N. C.
Miller, Robert		Concord, N. C.
Moore, Willie		Greensboro, N. C.
Morrison, Carl		Winston-Salem, N. C.
Morrison, Effie		Winston-Salem, N. C.
Morrison, James		Winston-Salem, N. C.
Peoples, Ernest		Rocky Point, N. C.
Perkins, Charles Wesley		Morganton, N. C.
Perkins, William Jr.		Morganton, N. C.
Praelow, George		Winston-Salem, N. C.
Sawyer, Fred		Dallas, N. C.
Taylor, J. C.		Stovall, N. C.
Tucker, Leroy		Durham, N. C.
Tucker, William		Durham, N. C.

Total 45 (31 boys and 14 girls).

FIRST GRADE

Alston, Katy	Ashboro, N. C.
Archibald, Melvin	Clayton, N. C.
Brown, Lina B.	Greensboro, N. C.
Bryant, Ambro	Rich Square, N. C.
Chism, Helen	Greensboro, N. C.
Clark, Fred	Statesville, N. C.
Coffin, Mandolin	Durham, N. C.
Coffin, Monroe	Durham, N. C.
Cobb, Theodore	Kinston, N. C.
Cogwell, Willie	Oxford, N. C.
Cooke, Madgie	Raleigh, N. C.
Dawson, John	Ayden, N. C.
Edwards, Lottie B.	Marmaduke, N. C.
Everett, Henry	Winton, N. C.
Gamble, Coaxie	Durham, N. C.
Gamble, Runette	Durham, N. C.
Hampton, Lucille	Durham, N. C.
Jenkins, Hollis	Chapel Hill, N. C.
Jenkins, Joseph	Chapel Hill, N. C.
Kearney, Beatrice	Elberon, N. C.
Kearney, George Washington,	Elberon, N. C.
Kearney, McKinley	Elberon, N. C.
Kearney, Theima	Elberon, N. C.
Leiper, James	Thomasville, N. C.
McDaniel, James	Fayetteville, N. C.
McGhee, Russell	Franklinville, N. C.
McIver, Vivian	Durham, N. C.
McKoy, James	Kinston, N. C.
Moore, Madell	Wilson, N. C.
Morrison, Minerva	Dennis, N. C.
Nevilis, Roy	Durham, N. C.
Paye, James	Fayetteville, N. C.
Potts, Robert	Davidson, N. C.
Rattler, Alfred	Fuquay Springs, N. C.
Saunders, James	Durham, N. C.
Savage, Emma	Tarboro, N. C.
Sawyer, Willie Mae	Dallas, N. C.
Smith, Robert	Dunn, N. C.
Swindell, Agnes	Clarkton, N. C.
Taylor, Annie Pearl	Stovall, N. C.
Taylor, Major	Stovall, N. C.
Tipps, Jessie	Hickory, N. C.
Tipps, Lucille	Hickory, N. C.
Tucker, Edward	Durham, N. C.

Total 44 (26 boys and 18 girls).

SECOND GRADE

Alston, Elsie	Ashboro, N. C.
Bawling, William	Raleigh, N. C.
Bryant, Elmo	Rich Square, N. C.
Chambers, Doris	La Grange, N. C.
Chavis, Henry	Durham, N. C.
Cogwell, William	Oxford, N. C.
Davis, Lewis	Strieby, N. C.
Dawson, Cicero	Ayden, N. C.
Dawson, Esther	Ayden, N. C.
Gamble, Isaac	Durham, N. C.
Gamble, Thelma	Durham, N. C.
Gupton, Anna	Oxford, N. C.
Gupton, Frank	Oxford, N. C.
Hodge, L. D.	Fremont, N. C.
Holmes, Floyd	Ashboro, N. C.
Jackson, Moses	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Jones, Albert	Raleigh, N. C.
McDaniel, Mildred	Fayetteville, N. C.
McLaughlin, Hallie	Raeford, N. C.
McLean, Joseph Albert	Sanford, N. C.
McNeal, Eliza Jane	Cameron, N. C.
McNeal, Jethro	Cameron, N. C.
Moore, Daniel	Smithfield, N. C.
Moore, Lucy	Raleigh, N. C.
Moore, Sarah	Raleigh, N. C.
People, Junius	Rocky Point, N. C.
People, Reba	Rocky Point, N. C.
Pickett, James	Wilmington, N. C.
Potts, Lawrence	Davidson, N. C.
Prielow, Flossie	Charlotte, N. C.
Prielow, Martha	Charlotte, N. C.
Stokes, Roy	Greensboro, N. C.
Walls, Isiah	Durham, N. C.
Walls, Samuel	Durham, N. C.
Walls, Willie	Durham, N. C.
Ward, Josephine	Rockingham, N. C.
Watkins, Fred	Greensboro, N. C.

Total 37 (23 boys and 14 girls).

THIRD GRADE

Archibald, Curtis	Clayton, N. C.
Boone, Walter	Durham, N. C.
Bowling, Alfred	Raleigh, N. C.
Boyd, Classie	Tarboro, N. C.
Boyd, Iriline	Elizabeth City, N. C.
Boyd, John	Tarboro, N. C.
Cobb, Nannie	Bayboro, N. C.

Covington, Julian	Wilson, N. C.
Curreton, Odessa	Charlotte, N. C.
Fryar, James	Clinton, N. C.
Gipson, Margarette	Asheville, N. C.
Gupton, Edward	Oxford, N. C.
Holmes, Junius	Ashboro, N. C.
Hunt, Margarette	Salisbury, N. C.
Jenkins, Albert	Hickory, N. C.
Johnson, Odell	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Joyner, Dorothy	Branchville, Va.
McCuller, Amelia	Concord, N. C.
McDaniel, Annie	Fayetteville, N. C.
McDaniel, Henrietta	Fayetteville, N. C.
McDaniel, Marie	Fayetteville, N. C.
McQueen, Isabella	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Moore, Ida	Raleigh, N. C.
Morris, Elizabeth	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Morris, Rebecca	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Perry, Edith	Aulander, N. C.
Roland, Alphonso	Reidsville, N. C.
Savage, Cora Lee	Tarboro, N. C.
Savage, Louise	Dunn, N. C.
Shepard, Martha	Washington, N. C.
Smith, Jesse	Dunn, N. C.
Taylor, Hazel	Stovall, N. C.
Wall, Jasper	Albemarle, N. C.
White, Cleo	Elizabeth City, N. C.
Williams, Wesley	Dunn, N. C.
Wilson, Juanita	Winston-Salem, N. C.

Total 36 (13 boys and 23 girls).

FOURTH GRADE

Bryant, Genevieve	Bayboro, N. C.
Cole, Elijah	Lexington, N. C.
Covington, Joseph	Wilson, N. C.
Gibson, Herbert Lee	Norfolk, Va.
Hamilton, Ernestine	Chapel Hill, N. C.
Holtzclaw, Walter Franklin	Concord, N. C.
Leigh, Mary	Yanceyville, N. C.
McClure, Charlotte	Gastonia, N. C.
McLaughlin, Lettie	Raeford, N. C.
Macklin, William	Chadbourn, N. C.
Malone, Winifred	Greensboro, N. C.
Massey, Juanita	Dunn, N. C.
Moore, Lucille	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Moore, Thelma	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Parham, Irene	Oxford, N. C.
Perry, Inez	Aulander, N. C.

Swindell, Edna	Clarkton, N. C.
Swindell, Hayes	Clarkton, N. C.
Thomaston, Samuel	Chapel Hill, N. C.
Tyson, Hilda	Farmville, N. C.
Wall, Eugene	Durham, N. C.
Wall, Josephus	Albemarle, N. C.
Ward, Dempsey	Wilson, N. C.
Young, William	Kinston, N. C.

Total 24 (11 boys and 13 girls).

FIFTH GRADE

Brooks, Edward	Greensboro, N. C.
Burroughs, Myrtle	Asheville, N. C.
Chambers, Clara	La Grange, N. C.
Gray, Charles	Matthews, N. C.
Gulley, Josephine	Raleigh, N. C.
Hodge, Herbert	Fremont, N. C.
Hodge, James	Fremont, N. C.
Hopkins, Arzrow	Farmville, N. C.
Hopkins, Nelson	Farmville, N. C.
Hunt, Irene	Salisbury, N. C.
Jordan, Rosa Lee	Goldsboro, N. C.
Lane, Ollie Bell	Grimesland, N. C.
McLeod, Annie	Laurinburg, N. C.
Malone, Malinda	Greensboro, N. C.
Nixon, Roberta	Greenville, N. C.
Shepard, James	Washington, N. C.
Taylor, Mary H.	Stovall, N. C.
Tyson, Lucy Gray	Farmville, N. C.
Ward, Malachi	Wilson, N. C.
Williams, Raymond	Dunn, N. C.
Wooten, William	Chadbourne, N. C.

Total 21 (10 boys and 11 girls).

SIXTH GRADE

Boyd, George	Tarboro, N. C.
Chambers, Sallie	La Grange, N. C.
Davis, Callie	Strieby, N. C.
Davis, Luran	Strieby, N. C.
DeVaughan, Ruth	Durham, N. C.
Gibson, Annie Mae	Asheville, N. C.
Gibson, Frances	Asheville, N. C.
Gray, Rosa	Charlotte, N. C.
Hodge, Annie	Fremont, N. C.
Hodge, Ethel	Fremont, N. C.
Johnson, Alyce	Raleigh, N. C.
Johnson, Walter	Raleigh, N. C.
Jones, Dolly Mae	Kinston, N. C.

Jordan, Emanuel	Goldsboro, N. C.
Lassiter, Lavernia	Raleigh, N. C.
McLaughlin, Ernestine	Raeford, N. C.
McLaughlin, Thelma	Raeford, N. C.
Moore, Lillian	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Perry, Sadie L.	Aulander, N. C.
Stribling, Leonard	Asheville, N. C.
Tatum, Fatima	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Ward, Kurfew	Wilson, N. C.
Williams, Beulah	Raleigh, N. C.

Total 23 (5 boys and 18 girls).

SEVENTH GRADE

Blue, Mildred	Raleigh, N. C.
Gibson, E. Mack	Norfolk, Va.
Hyatt, Robert Lee	Asheville, N. C.
Jenkins, John Frank	Hickory, N. C.
Pittman, Ethel	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Williams, Rosa Lee	Raleigh, N. C.

Total 6 (3 boys and 3 girls).

HIGH SCHOOL

FIRST YEAR

Headen, Lizzie	Sanford, N. C.
McLaughlin, Lillie	Raeford, N. C.
McLaughlin, Odell	Raeford, N. C.
Steele, Eliza	Taylorsville, N. C.
Steele, Elizabeth	Taylorsville, N. C.
Tucker, Mary	Durham, N. C.
Washington, Catherine	Raleigh, N. C.

SECOND YEAR

Lassiter, Almeter	Raleigh, N. C.
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THIRD YEAR

Long, Julia Mae	Seaboard, N. C.
Williams, Martha	Raleigh, N. C.

FOURTH YEAR

Graves, Evelyn	Reidsville, N. C.
Graves, Helen	Reidsville, N. C.
McLaughlin, Willie Lee	Raeford, N. C.
Moore, Ada	Rockingham, N. C.

Total, 14 girls.



ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1927
TO
JUNE 30, 1928

GENTLEMEN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OXFORD
COLORED ORPHANAGE OF NORTH CAROLINA:

Since the object of our work here is the care and training of dependent and neglected orphan children of the colored race of North Carolina, and that you may get, in the beginning, an idea of the scope of the work before us, it may be important to say:

That during the fiscal year covered by this report, July 1, 1927, to June 30, 1928, the Orphanage has had continuously in its care and training from 270 to 280 children, and out of this number many of the older and more advanced were allowed to return to their relatives or to the communities from which they were sent, while others, younger and more needy, were accepted into the home as these vacancies occurred. In this way the enrollment has been kept practically at the maximum capacity throughout the year.

The various phases of the work have been honestly and faithfully conducted, along progressive and economical lines and in conformity with the high ideals of institutional custom and the spirit of the laws of our great State.

It affords me great satisfaction to report that the year has been a successful one, in every branch of the work, and, with a harmonious and faithful coterie of co-workers, our achievements in service, care and training are in many respects more gratifying, and appeal to us as an advancing tide in the conduct and lives of the children, which afford great stimulus and encouragement to all friends of the work.

In this connection, to fully understand the care, patience and responsibilities entailed upon the heads and guiding hands of the work, it must be borne in mind that practically

all of the inmates now in the institution, as well as those coming in from time to time, had been neglected from almost every angle imaginable before entering the Orphanage, in their health and home training, as well as their educational and industrial development.

In other words, it is true, in almost every case, that upon entering the Orphanage the children are at a low mental and physical ebb. But after a comparatively short period of training, under the system and the rules and regulations of the home, it is remarkable how quickly they begin to show signs of improvement along the lines of decency, industry, honesty and politeness, for these are the safety guards and beacon lights which lead man to the Haven of usefulness and success.

IMPROVEMENTS

As to the subject of improvements, it will be gratifying to you to know that our Executive Committee was kind enough to come out to the institution, look over the work, and authorize and approve the installation of a modern and complete sewage disposal system in the girls' dormitory, toilet facilities, showers, and hot and cold baths.

We are striving our utmost to effect economies and raise funds, to the end that we may be enabled to install similar sanitation in the boys' dormitory, as this need is equally distressing there as was the case in the girls' building.

With our own force, of large boys principally, we have built and moved the milking department of the institution about 300 yards from the main part of the Campus, and in obedience to the requirements of our State Board of Health, we have tried to make the milking quarters absolutely fly proof and sanitary. This arrangement is of ample size to accommodate an increased number of milk cows, with modern milking stalls, concrete flooring, running water for sanitary flushing, and thorough screening to eliminate as nearly as possible all pestiferous vermin.

The milk supply has greatly increased this year, on account of the new pasture of which mention was made in my last report to the Board, and also on account of the addition of three splendid milkers to the pail during the summer, two

out of the five furnished by the Board of Directors, and one by Senator Hancock. And too the herd of cows has been greatly improved by holding on to the best cattle, so that we now have 14 first class milk cows, and will continue to enlarge the number until at least twenty are available.

On account of the growing condition of the work, as well as interference, by late and continued rains, with the small surface water pipes, we have been compelled to make some small repairs along the lines of water pipes and pumping equipment, to enable us to keep the water tank filled to capacity at all times, thereby assuring an ample supply of water to meet all requirements of the institution.

SCHOOL WORK

The school year just completed was unquestionably the most satisfactory and successful one ever enjoyed by the Institution. The very excellent facilities afforded by the thoroughly equipped Angier B. Duke School Building made it possible for our teaching force to accomplish infinitely more in the classroom than ever heretofore. Equipment for subdivisions in classes, rule and positive decorum in the entire training departments, and facilities to meet all needs of the teaching force, are indeed wonderful assets to a school of such a large number of little folks of untrained and uncultured mind and habits.

PROGRESS IN CLASS ROOMS

The teachers report that 24 children were promoted from the Kindergarten to the 1st grade, 36 from the 1st to the 2nd grade, 20 from the 2nd to the 3rd grade, 20 from the 3rd to the 4th grade, 10 from the 4th to the 5th grade, 18 from the 5th to the 6th grade, and 5 from the 6th to the 7th. Eight students successfully completed the work of the 7th grade, the highest in our school, and these will be entered in the City High School next session.

SCHOOL CLOSING EXERCISES

On the last day of the closing exercises of this term, the school was greeted with a large attendance of truly interested and ardent friends of the work, of both races, from the town of Oxford and adjoining communities.

Eight students successfully completed the work of the 7th grade as previously stated, and these were awarded certificates of graduation which entitle them to entrance next session to the City High School at the Mary Potter Memorial Institute.

This occasion was wonderfully enlivened and the school greatly encouraged by the most timely, fitting and instructive speeches made by Senator F. W. Hancock, Jr., Hon. John S. Watkins, Mr. T. C. Harris, Hon. B. W. Parham, Dr. E. E. Toney, and others.

ANGIER B. DUKE SCHOOL BUILDING

At the conclusion of the closing exercises, an inspection was made of this magnificent school building, which was constructed and equipped through the kindness and generosity of our great benefactor, Hon. B. N. Duke, in memory of whose lamented and beloved son the structure is named. The most sincere and kindly utterances were to be heard on all sides in appreciation of this wonderful act of philanthropy, which makes possible such thorough and constructive training of the little fatherless and motherless unfortunates consistently coming into the care of this school.

LAUNDRY

A most pressing need of the institution is a modern and thoroughly equipped steam laundry. The work is very much handicapped on account of inadequate laundry facilities. We are confronted with a real problem in our efforts to launder the soiled garments, bedding, etc., of the large number of children we are constantly called upon to care for, and the installation of a modern and economical steam laundry would fill a long-felt need in the work.

HEALTH CONDITIONS

In my report for the preceding fiscal year, reference was made to the excellent health conditions prevailing at the institution throughout the year, and it gives me pleasure to now report that we have been blessed in similar manner during the past year. There has been no epidemic of disease of any kind, and the general health of the children has been consistently good. The home is most favorably

situated from a health standpoint, and this fact, in conjunction with the eminent medical ability and supervision of our physician, Dr. G. S. Watkins, has resulted in an almost complete lack of illness. Furthermore, the institution, most fortunately, has always been able to supply the children with three good, square meals of solid, health-sustaining food each day, and in this way has assured the building up of the reserve strength needed to throw off an ordinary attack of illness.

FARM, GARDEN AND TRUCKING DEPARTMENTS

The yield from the farm, garden and trucking operations has again been substantial and plentiful, and in addition to an ample supply of vegetable and garden products for the tables of the home, we have also stored in our barns a goodly amount of feed for the stock.

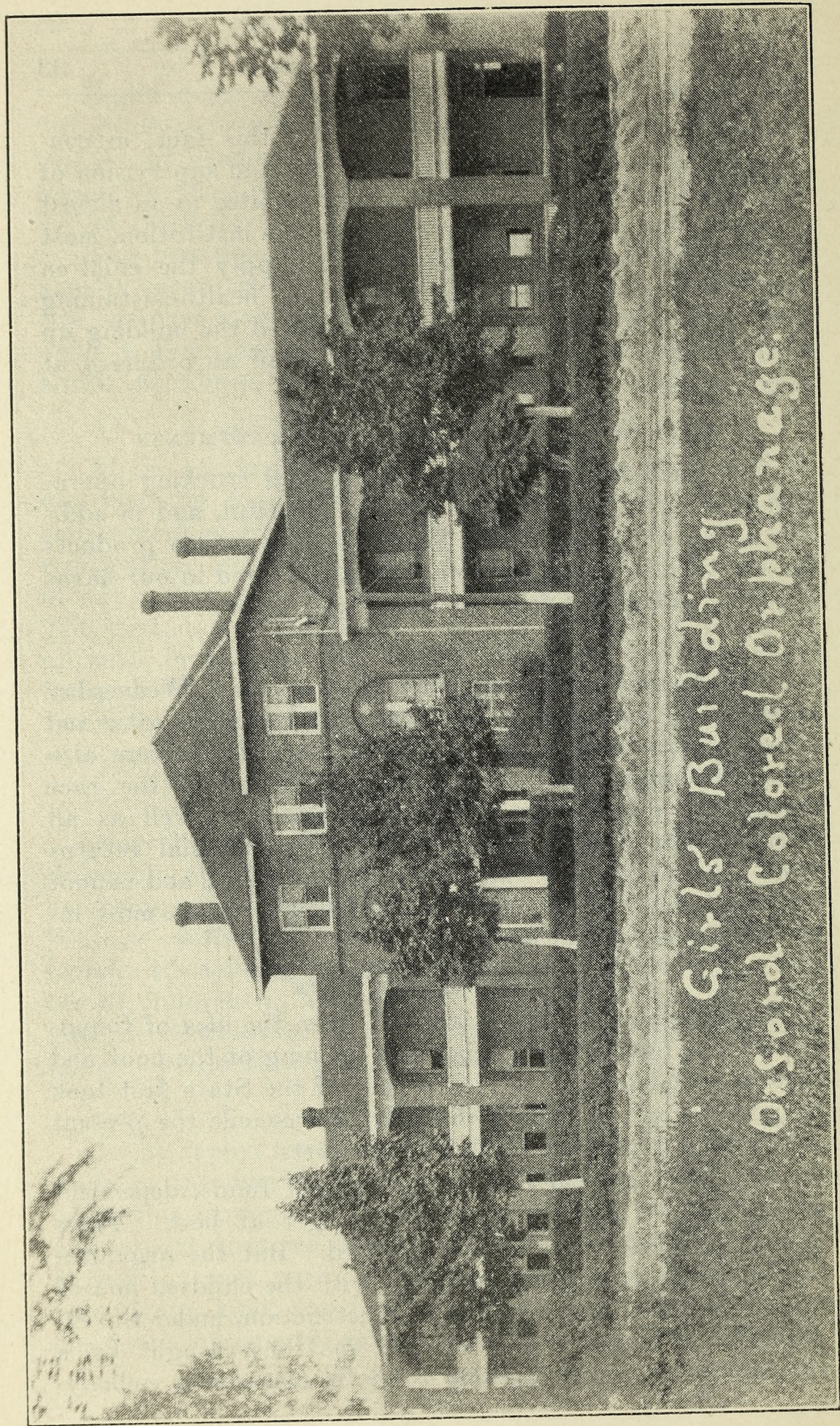
ANNIVERSARY DAY

Our Anniversary this year fell on the last Wednesday in July, and was largely attended. A very enthusiastic and representative gathering was present, and there were also many prominent and distinguished members of the race among the number, from adjacent States as well as all parts of our own State. Although the financial returns from the Anniversary exercises were not large, and cannot be expected to be, the occasion nevertheless was a most interesting and helpful one.

SUPPORT OF THE WORK

Looking back to the year 1883, when the idea of founding a home for the upbringing and training of the poor and destitute orphans of the Negro race of the State first took tangible form, one finds it difficult to reconcile the present establishment with the feeble initial efforts.

The work started practically without funds, dependent wholly upon a charity that was meagre at best. Years of discouragement and doubt followed. But the organization of today is a direct contrast, with the children housed in fireproof buildings of modern construction, under the supervision of capable and efficient matrons, taught by a thoroughly equipped teaching force, in classrooms embody-



ing the latest methods and facilities for the particular subjects and grades. These conditions, coupled with training under competent instructors in various lines of manual endeavor, unquestionably assure opportunities for profitable employment in later life.

For this progress we are in large measure indebted to a divine Providence, and to our great State, North Carolina, which has helped the work by making liberal appropriations for quite a number of years towards the maintenance of the work, making possible the employment of efficient and experienced teachers, matrons, and manual training instructors, the feeding and clothing of the children, and the like.

But, in an underaking of his kind, it is also mandatory that improvements and extensions be constantly made, in both plant and structures, to keep apace with the advancing civilization that makes the standard of yesterday obsolete, and prescribes new and heretofore unheard of conditions as the standard of today.

The rigid rules and regulations of various departments of the State must be met and complied with, the Health and Welfare branches for instance, and the health of the community must be considered in conjunction with that of the institution, to say nothing about the requirements of the insurance companies which guarantee protection of the lives and property of the institution.

These ever changing conditions demand new and improved construction, and in more recent years vast steps towards modernization of our plant and equipment have been made possible by the valuable assistance rendered by churches, fraternal organizations, associations, and other kind friends, among whom I might mention particularly two of the State's most illustrious sons, Messrs. J. B. and B. N. Duke. The former has now gone to a higher and more glorious world, but his wonderful work for humanity carries on through the great organization he left behind.

The hearts of the colored race of North Carolina go out to all of these friends and benefactors, to our good Governor, and to our broad and liberal Legislature. And we are profoundly grateful to you kind gentlemen especially, for

we full well understand that the wonderful help and inspiration conveyed by your presence here, and your participation in the movement, denote a valuable contribution made possible only at a very considerable personal sacrifice, which is appreciated by the race more than you can possibly imagine.

CONTRIBUTIONS

With sincere thanks in behalf of the institution, the following list is submitted, showing in detail the contributions received during the year from friends, church and associations to help in the support of the work:

Thanksgiving Day:

St. Mark Chapter, No. 76, O. E. S., by Mrs. M. C. Robinson	\$ 5.00
Blue Star Lodge, No. 192, by Mr. C. Gillespie	6.95
High Point Glass & Decorative Co.	5.00
Mr. C. E. McCulloch, Wilmington, N. C.	10.00
Hon. B. R. Lacy, Raleigh, N. C.	5.00
Mrs. Hattie Harris Perkins, Raleigh, N. C.	5.00
Mrs. E. L. Codrington, Dunn, N. C.	5.00
Mr. C. S. Easton, Oxford, N. C.	5.00
Rev. and Mrs. N. A. Cheek, Elberon, N. C.	2.00
Miss Mae Patterson, Lenoir, N. C.	2.00
Mr. J. R. Riter, Trenton, N. C., by Hon. M. L. Shipman	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Royster Wiggins, Oxford, N. C.	2.00
Mr. Crawford M. Knott, Oxford, N. C.	5.00
Mrs. Cornelia C. Morris, Raleigh, N. C.	15.00
Dr. J. A. Tinsley, Weldon, N. C.	5.00
St. Stephen Chapter, No. 336, O. E. S., by Miss Mabel Alston	2.00
Rev. B. Harper, Essex, N. C.	10.00
Middleburg Baptist Church, by Rev. Berger	10.02
Anonymous	2.50
Mr. T. C. Harris	2.50
Mr. A. W. Klemme	5.00

Christmas:

First Baptist Church, Oxford, N. C.	\$ 10.75
Rev. S. W. Oldham, collection at Convicts' Camp	4.30
Kester Furniture Co., High Point, N. C.	25.00
Mrs. Royster Wiggins, Oxford, N. C.	2.00
Miss Ione Yancey, Oxford, N. C.	1.00
Hon. R. G. Lassiter, Oxford, N. C.	50.00
Mr. W. Wilhoite, Durham, N. C.	2.50
Mr. M. F. Thornton, Warrenton, N. C.	6.25
Gifts by Oxford friends, through Mr. T. C. Harris	6.50

General:

Anniversary Day	\$200.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Quisenberg	5.00
Collection from friends in Oxford, by Mrs. M. C. Ranson	35.80
Chapel Collection	51.00
Ministers and Deacons Union at Fairport	41.25
Ministers and Deacons Union at East Cedar Grove	5.00
Ministers and Deacons Union at Oxford	30.45
Women's Home and Foreign Mission Convention, by Mrs. M. C. Ransom	40.00
State Sunday School Convention	4.00
Women's Asso. of Eastern North Carolina, by Mrs. Belle Garnes	20.00
Women's Christian Asso. of Warren County, by Mrs. M. C. Ransom	5.00
Shiloh Association No. 1, by Rev. J. H. Cannady	127.70
Middleburg Association, by Rev. R. S. Frazier	15.00
Baptist Union of Jones Chapel, Warren County	35.03
Baptist Union of Cinnema Grove Church, Granville County	43.26
Dr. J. E. Baxter, Henderson, N. C., Masonic donation	5.00
First Baptist Church of Tabor, N. C., by Miss Mary Gerald	6.00
Mr. T. C. Harris, Oxford, N. C.	1.00
Mr. W. L. Peace, Oxford, N. C.	1.50
Mr. E. M. Edwards, Oxford, N. C.	1.00
Mr. J. H. Blackwell, Oxford, N. C.	1.00
Mr. Ben Fox, Oxford, N. C.	2.00
Franklin County Sunday School Convention	40.00
\$939.56	

In addition to these contributions in cash, the institution also begs to acknowledge with deep gratitude, the receipt of donations of goods from the Gibson Mfg. Co., Concord, N. C., the Minneola Mfg. Co., Gibsonville, N. C., Mrs. Mary Berry, Clinton, N. C., the Woman's Home Missionary Circle of Nazareth Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C., Mrs. Phillip P. Cheek, New York City, and Miss Arletha Butler, Roseboro, N. C.; also a consignment from the Waverly Ice Cream Co., Durham, N. C., of most delicious ice cream, and a shipment of excellent apples from N. A. Maydanis & Co., Oxford, both for the children's Thanksgiving, while at Christmas time Hon. R. G. Lassiter, of Oxford, presented us with a magnificent radio for the Auditorium, and N. A. Maydanis & Co. donated an abundance of fine ice cream for the Christmas dinner of the little ones of the home.

This brings us to the Classified Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, covering the complete activities of the establishment for the entire fiscal year. This statement, compiled under the State Budget System, is as follows:

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF
COLORED ORPHANAGE, OXFORD, N. C.

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1928.

RECEIPTS

July 1, 1927.....	Balance.....	\$ 347.81
Religious Organizations.....		435.66
Farm		652.92
State Appropriation		24999.98
Temp. Loans		15500.00
Fraternal Organizations.....		5.00
Hire of Boys.....		1239.88
Donated Commodities		27.00
Investments		404.60
Duke Endowment		5769.44
Misc. Contributions		211.32
Real Estate		74.00
Incidentals		1857.99
		\$51525.60

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$10499.50
Food	6496.64
Clothing	2150.37
Transportation	272.27
Improvements	1674.66
Lights, Fuel, Power.....	1125.63
Repairs and Replacements.....	2797.26
Additional Live Stock.....	785.50
Supplies	3852.19
Equipment	570.78
Temp Loans	15000.00
Tel. and Telg.....	66.95
Insurance	363.85
Interest	164.50
Miscellaneous	1112.05
Incidental Accounts	1696.53
	\$48628.68
July 1, Balance.....	2896.92
	\$51525.60

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, JULY 1, 1928

ASSETS

Real Estate and Buildings.....	\$173600.66
Machinery and Equipment.....	13570.78
First Nat. Bank.....	213.08
Nat. Bank of Granville.....	2683.84
Non Ledger	
Supplies (Estimated)	1200.00
	\$193,253.86

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....	\$186547.81
Bills Payable	500.00
Incidentals	161.46
Non Ledger	187209.27
Accts. Payable	5848.07
Surplus	196.52
	\$193,253.86

CONCLUSION

In closing I am happy to state that the outlook for the future is bright. Although the demands made upon the home become heavier with each succeeding year, and our field of endeavor is expanding all the while, the home is in better shape at the present time than ever before to vigorously and successfully carry on its uplifting, training and developing of the little unfortunates of the race in the State, and preparing them to enter upon their life work on completing the prescribed term at the institution, with the assurance that they are equipped to become worthy and respected citizens, instead of inevitable slaves of the slums and dens of vice that most certainly would have been their lure had they grown up under conditions similar to those surrounding their birth. It is the aim and desire and conscientious effort of the entire organization to render more and even better service in the future, and it is the valuable and inspiring help so freely and willingly given by your own good selves, Gentlemen of the Board, and our other kind friends in the State, that is going to bring this desire to a full and complete realization.

Respectfully submitted,

H. P. CHEATHAM, *Superintendent.*

